

2012 Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Award Recommendations

(with project details 12/20/12)

2012 Development Project Recommendations

Central Michigan

Clinton County – DeWitt Township, Looking Glass River Park Improvements - \$78,000

This is a development project along the Looking Glass River that will include a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch, interpretive sign, access pathway, stream bank stabilization to support the development of the canoe/kayak launch and parking improvements to meet ADA requirements. The City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township have a collaborative relationship through the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority. In a coordinated effort, they applied in tandem for grants to improve water access and facilitate the development of a water trail.

Clinton County – City of DeWitt, Riverside Park Improvements - \$64,400

This is a development project along the Looking Glass River at Riverside Park in downtown DeWitt. The project will include a universally accessible canoe/kayak launch, interpretive sign and stream bank stabilization to support the development of the canoe/kayak launch. The City of DeWitt and DeWitt Township have a collaborative relationship through the DeWitt Area Recreation Authority. In a coordinated effort, they applied in tandem for grants to improve water access and facilitate the development of a water trail.

Genesee County – City of Clio, Clio City Park Trolley Line Trail - \$127,500

The Trolley Line Trail runs from the City of Clio to the Pine Run Creek Trail into adjacent Vienna Township. This development project will allow for installation of LED lighting and the reconstruction of the twenty year old Trolley Line Trail to improve ADA accessibility, eliminate site obstructions and improve the safety of trail users.

Genesee County – City of Burton, Kelly Lake Park Improvements - \$171,000

Kelly Lake is a popular lake for residents of the City of Burton drawing around 50 people per day in the summer for nature viewing, fishing, swimming and picnicking. It is also the location of annual model power boat races that bring in people from all over the state. The development will include a universally accessible boardwalk with a wetland overlook and fishing pier.

Genesee County – City of Flint, Riverbank Park Development - \$300,000

Riverbank Park is located in downtown Flint, along the Flint River and Flint River Trail and adjacent to the University of Michigan Flint Campus. The park draws in people for community festivals, from the campus and adjacent neighborhoods. The existing design of the park impedes access to the river and creates safety and maintenance issues. The development of this park will aide in the revitalization of the riverfront and include removing concrete walls that limit visibility, providing barrier free access to the existing amphitheater, stage and river; a universally accessible kayak launch and landscaping enhancements.

Ingham County – City of East Lansing, Patriarche Park Playground Replacement - \$300,000

Patriarch Park is a popular park that is used by residents of the City of East Lansing, adjacent communities and Michigan State University students and staff. The existing wood playground structure built in 1995 contains toxic CCA treated lumber and no longer meets playground safety standards. The proposed development project includes a universally accessible playground for preschool age and school age children, rain garden, access walks and signs to interpret the rain garden. The project epitomizes partnership and collaboration with input from the community and all matching funds coming from corporate, business and private donors and volunteer labor.

Ingham County – City of Lansing, Frances Park Trail Improvement - \$300,000

The Lansing River Trail runs from the City of East Lansing to the East, Holt to the South and almost to Delta Township to the West. The proposed development includes increasing greenspace and improving fishing opportunity along the Grand River, adding parking and extending the regional trail from Frances Park to the Delta Township

Ingham County – Meridian Township, Wonch Park Pathway Development - \$45,000

Wonch Park is located along the Red Cedar River. The development project will include adding approximately 2,055 linear feet of paved universally-accessible asphalt pathway from the existing parking lot to create a looped path within the park along the river.

Ionia County – Village of Lyons, Hazel Devore Park Improvements - \$164,000

Development to include upgrading current restrooms to universal accessibility, provide a paved trailway and parking lot for accessibility, kayak/canoe launch point and accessible fishing platform. Hazel Devore Park is located on the Grand River and is well used by the public. The park is centrally located and is a great launching point for canoes and kayaks as well as being a prime fishing destination for anglers. The park serves as the main venue for the Lyons Event Committee and is in constant use for gatherings and recreation.

Ionia County – City of Belding, Silk City Nature Trail Extension - \$274,800

Development to include 500-foot pathway connection along the Flat River consisting of retaining wall, safety railing, and bank restoration with native vegetation. The connection will provide the next linkage between the existing Silk City Nature Trail from East Riverside Park towards Central Riverside Park and the larger Ionia County Rails to Trails pathway system. This wider pathway will provide a safer place to walk and ride bicycles.

Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

Saginaw County – City of Saginaw, Boulder Climbing Garden and Connector Path - \$67,000

The proposed development includes a boulder climbing garden and multi-use pathway extension in the Frank N. Andersen Celebration Park (Celebration Park). Celebration Park is a draw for the local community and visitors; it is situated by several recreation facilities both city and private and the Children's Zoo. The pathway extension will connect Celebration Park to the Saginaw Riverwalk and adjacent recreation facilities.

Saginaw County – City of Zilwaukee, Riverfront Park Improvements - \$254,100

Riverfront Park is a community park located on the Saginaw River adjacent to the city non-motorized trail. It is also the location of the Annual Zilwaukee Walleye Outing that hosts hundreds of competitive fisherman. The proposed development includes a playground, benches, paved parking lot, paved walkway, fencing, seawall to improve bank fishing opportunities and safety and site amenities.

Sanilac County – Forester Park Accessible Playground Equipment - \$19,000

Forester Park is located within the County campground and is free and open to the public for day use. The proposed development includes playground equipment that meets current safety and accessibility standards.

Northern Michigan

Alcona County – Caledonia Township, Hubbard Lake North End Park Development - \$245,400

North End Park is approximately 9 acres in size and has approximately 500 feet of lake frontage on the north end of Hubbard Lake. This day use area is the only public park located on this 8,855 acre lake and one of only three public boat launch sites. This park has the only public swimming access on Hubbard Lake. This project will develop two pavilions, bathrooms, shoreline protection, beach volleyball, a well, electricity, lighting, platform for beach viewing and landscape furniture.

Emmet County – DNR-Fisheries Division, Oden State Fish Hatchery - \$300,000

Development to include universal accessible fishing pier, boardwalk and two viewing platforms at Oden State Fish Hatchery. This project will provide improved access for citizens to two natural springs and reduce soil erosion that is occurring on the current dirt pathways. Improved access will increase visitation and public knowledge of the process involved in Michigan's fisheries industries.

Grand Traverse County – Garfield Charter Township, Buffalo Ridge Trail Development - \$199,000

This project will develop approximately one mile of trail which expands off the Buffalo Ridge Trail. Once complete, the Buffalo Ridge trail will be 4.5 miles. This project will provide a critical, safe and enjoyable non-motorized connection between Traverse City West Middle School, the new YMCA and the Township's Kids Creek Park on US-31. When the entire Buffalo Ridge trail is complete it will connect the west and southwest areas of the Traverse City urban area traversing by many outdoor recreational areas.

Manistee County – Village of East Lake, Penny Park Renovation - \$141,000

Penny Park is approximately 40 acres and is the only public access to Manistee Lake in the Village of East Lake. The park provides overnight camping as well and the support facilities do not meet the user's needs. This project will develop a new bath house, upgrading boat launch/skid pier, installation of a playground, upgrading parking area and entry drive.

Manistee County – Village of Onekama, Onekama Village Park Development - \$97,300

Village Park is approximately 40 acres with about 700 feet of frontage on Portage Lake, a high quality lake for fishing, swimming and other recreational uses. The park is a major community destination offering a bath house, playground, basketball courts, beach and picnic areas and a boat launch and parking area. This project will develop Peron steps, barrier-free ramp to beach, mobility mats to beach, beach nourishment and interpretive signage.

Mason County – Meade Township, Mead Township Park Development - \$32,500

Development to include nature trail, ball field, volleyball court and horseshoe pits for township park. The population is shifting and there is a need for recreational opportunities in this rural community. This project will satisfy the need by providing active recreational opportunities so residents and visitors can enjoy the benefits of outdoors in Michigan. In addition, this project will be the beginning of building healthy communities in this small town.

Ogemaw County – Mills Township, Elbow Lake Park Improvements - \$270,000

Elbow Lake Park is located on Elbow Lake; one of only two lakes with public access in the county. It is a popular park with limited facilities and parking. The proposed development includes a paved roadway,

parking lot and pathways; pavilion, transfer platform for barrier-free swimming access, boat launch improvements, play structure, site furnishings, restroom building, well and drainfield.

Osceola County – Rose Lake Park Restroom/Campsite Improvements - \$37,600

Development to include restroom and campsite improvements at Rose Lake Park to meet ADA design standards. Improvements at this provide better access for people with disabilities. Rose Lake Park is surrounded by Rose Lake, which is a 370 acre inland lake. This park attracts many visitors, including seasonal visitors.

Presque Isle County – Metz Township, Metz Fire Trailside Park Development - \$111,600

Metz Fire Historical Trailside park is an undeveloped parcel of land in Metz Township and will serve as a community park and a trailhead for the North Eastern State Trail (NEST). This project will develop year round parking for cars and trailers, restrooms, a well, a large pavilion for picnicking, interpretive signs and other amenities for the community and trail users.

Southeastern Michigan

Macomb County – Shelby Township, Riverbends Park to Macomb Orchard Trail Connection - \$300,000

The proposed trail development will run 3-miles, link Riverbends Park to the Macomb Orchard Trail and is one of the last segments of a planned 70 mile non-motorized loop in Macomb County and connect to other regional trails including the Paint Creek Trail. The proposed trail will pass through a variety of habitats including a Blue Heron Rookery and runs adjacent to the Clinton River.

Macomb County – City of New Baltimore, County Line Road non-Motorized Pedestrian Path - \$116,000

The proposed trail development includes completing the remaining section of pathway on County Line Road from the Crapeau Creek to Main Street. It is one of the last segments of a planned 70 mile non-motorized loop in Macomb County and connects to other regional trails including the Paint Creek Trail

Macomb County – City of Fraser, McKinley Barrier-Free Park Improvements - \$300,000

The proposed development is the first phase of a completely universally-accessible park. Improvements will include unisex restrooms, picnic pavilion, parking, paved walking paths and basketball court. The project is a collaborative community effort from planning with the City, Macomb Intermediate School District and various groups representing people with different physical and mental abilities, the formation of a 501(c)(3) to assist with funding the planning and implementation of the project and support from private and public entities.

Washtenaw County – City of Ypsilanti, River's Edge Linear Park and Trail Development - \$300,000

Development to include multi-use trail, plaza, fishing pier, Huron River overlook, signage and site amenities. The Huron River is an attractive feature adjacent to the densely-populated college town of Ypsilanti. Enhancements proposed will attract bikers, walkers, strollers and joggers and will be a step toward helping city residents improve their fitness levels.

Wayne County – City of Dearborn, Rouge River Gateway Trail Extension - \$280,000

Development to include 1/4-mile trail extension of the Rouge River Gateway Trail to connect to Ford Field Park. This trail project lines up very well with the recommendation of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan. Provides an alternate means for citizens to travel to Ford Field Park other than driving, which is better for fitness and minimizes pollution from auto exhaust.

Upper Peninsula

Alger County – Au Train Township, AuTrain Township Heritage Trailhead Development - \$246,700

This trailhead project will promote the uses of the region's natural resources in an environmentally sound, safe and sustainable manner and focus on strategies that promote value added economic activity within the region. The proposed project is located in close proximity to Hwy M28. On the east side is the AuTrain River with a snowmobile/ATV trail currently running through the property. Across the highway on the north side is Lake Superior with beach access. The development at this undeveloped site will include a universally- accessible fishing and kayak/canoe launch, pavilion, interpretive center, restrooms, two parking lots, interpretive signage, outdoor grills, picnic tables, boardwalk and milkweed planting for monarch butterfly.

Alger County – City of Munising, Munising Bay Universal Access Site –Anna River - \$86,200

The proposed development will be along the Anna River and Munising Bay. Development includes improvements to and expansion of universally-accessible fishing pier, construction of an accessible vault toilet, site landscaping and construction of a universally-accessible kayak launch. This project will expand the outdoor experiences available to the disabled and is a place of particular interest to the kayaking and paddling community, given its proximity to Lake Superior and Grand Island.

Baraga County – Village of Baraga, Marina Peninsula Boardwalk Project - \$50,000

This project involves constructing a continuation of the boardwalk at the existing Baraga Village Public Marina and Park. This is the second phase of several phases that are planned to develop a public walkway along the L'Anse Bay Shoreline. This boardwalk development will allow all visitors to enjoy fishing and wildlife viewing in a scenic environment with universal access guidelines incorporated into the design of the project with lowered railings and fishing pole holders.

Delta County – Wells Township, Sports Complex Concession Stand/Storage - \$46,100

This project will develop the construction of a concession/storage facility, site amenities and MNRTF sign at Wells Sports Complex. The baseball fields at the Wells Sports Complex are the only fields in Delta County, which serve youth baseball and softball teams from the entire county. The township has collaborated with the organizations that use the complex to determine the need of this development at the site.

Delta County – Pioneer Trail Park Pavilion - \$50,000

Pioneer Trail Park is a 74 acre park that has approximately 5,000 feet of frontage on the Escanaba River. It is located between the cities of Escanaba and Gladstone in Delta County. Currently, the park consists of campground sites, picnic area, nature trail, play equipment, boat launch and dock. This project will develop an enclosed pavilion for winter use, but will incorporate side doors that will allow users to open them during the summer months if desired.

Gogebic County – City of Ironwood, Michigan's Western Gateway Trail Improvements - \$225,000

The proposed project is the first phase of the construction of a multi-use non-motorized paved recreational trail starting at Ironwood and connecting to Hurley, Wisconsin at the western end and will traverse easterly through cities of Bessemer and Wakefield. This phase will include the development of approximately 2.5 miles of the 11 mile phased trail. The development will incorporate benches and landscaping improvements along the trail for users in this project.

Iron County – City of Iron River, Nelson Field Accessibility Improvements - \$49,900

Nelson Field is a 17.5 acre public outdoor recreation facility located in Iron River. The park provides a variety of outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all ages, including a playground, multi-use field, tennis courts basketball court, baseball field, football field, running track and sledding/snowboarding hill during the winter months. This project will develop accessible pathways when entering the park and to

the support facilities in the site. It will also develop a viewing platform for persons with disabilities adjacent to the grandstands.

Keweenaw County – Grant Township, Grant Township Park/Copper Harbor Playground Renovation - \$49,000

Grant Township park is located in Copper Harbor and is used by visitors and school age students year round. The current park equipment and surfacing is outdated and in some cases, dangerous to the children who use it. This project will replace the current playground equipment and surfacing at Grant Township Park to create a safe more attractive park for its users.

Marquette County – City of Marquette, McCarty's Cove Permanent Restrooms - \$88,800

McCarty's Cove sits on Marquette's premier waterfront and has access to a city-wide bike path that provides sixteen miles of connectivity to major parks as well as the downtown area. This is one of the city's most popular waterfront parks and the restrooms there were failing and did not adequately meet the public's needs. This project will develop new permanent restrooms at McCarty's Cove.

Marquette County – Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority, Iron Ore Heritage Trail-Tilden Township Section Development - \$281,000

The Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority was established in 2007 for the purpose of developing a 48 mile, year round, multi-use interpretive trail system telling the story of the Marquette Iron Range. The Authority is made up of eight local municipalities and this trail system is like no other in the Upper Peninsula. This project will develop a 4.8-mile interpretive heritage trail from Winthrop Junction to Ely Township, providing a continuous trail from Kawbawgam Junction to Chocolay Township to Ely Township (approximately 32 miles).

Menominee County – River Park Development - \$18,700

River Park offers beautiful views of the Menominee River and possesses access for swimming, fishing, canoes and kayaking. Currently River Park has a pavilion without electrical services and has no potable water source. This project will include the drilling of a water well, a well house and electric supply.

Western Michigan

Berrien County – Niles Township, Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail Development - \$286,000

Development to include a 4-mile, 10-foot wide paved non-motorized trail from the Indiana state line to Brandywine Creek Nature Preserve, as part of the 34-mile Indiana-Michigan River Valley Trail. Demand for trailways in Michigan has grown significantly. This proposed trail is the sort of destination trail that has been shown in the past to promote economic activity in an area and provide family-friendly recreation close to home.

Berrien County – Silver Beach County Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development to include beach shelter, pier trail, playground upgrades, electrical, pier restroom and site furnishings. Silver Beach is an extremely popular Lake Michigan access point. The improvements will benefit a variety of user groups, but notably the restroom will be very useful for fisherman on the pier as it will be a much more convenient location considering the long walk to the end of the pier.

Branch County – Memorial Park Improvements - \$140,000

Development to include fishing dock, two camping cabins, accessible paths, parking lot addition, improvements and interpretive sign. These improvements will greatly enhance Memorial Park, which is located on one of the well-known Chain-of-Lakes in Branch County. These lakes see activity year round for activities such as picnicking, fishing, camping and boating.

Kalamazoo County – Oshtemo Township, Flesher Field Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development to include removal and relocation of the parking lot, new restroom building and paved loop trail. This recreational facility sees heavy use – particularly during the summer ball seasons – and these improvements will greatly improve the experience of visitor and league members.

Kalamazoo County – River Oaks County Park Improvements - \$300,000

Development to include new picnic area, accessible playground, spray pad, accessible paths and parking lot improvements. River Oaks County Park is one of the more popular parks in Kalamazoo County and the proposed improvements will enhance the visitor experience by offering a variety of recreational amenities that are close to a significant southern Michigan population center.

Muskegon County – City of Roosevelt Park, Delmar Playfield Renovation - \$28,300

Development to include renovation of three existing baseball fields consisting of new surfacing, fencing, seating and scoreboard replacement. Delmar Playfield is the city's largest park consisting of 4.15 acres and is located in the center of the city. The fields are heavily used by residents and visitors. Little league baseball has been very popular in Roosevelt Park and Delmar Playfield has been the main location for the Roosevelt Park Youth Athletics' games.

Muskegon County – Pioneer Park Playground Equipment - \$37,500

Development to include adding accessible playground equipment to Pioneer Park. The installation of all inclusive playground equipment will expand the activities offered to people with disabilities. The park is 145 acres and is located on Lake Michigan with over 2,000 feet of white sandy beach frontage. This park offers a variety of recreational uses and is the county's largest and most popular park.

Oceana County – Pentwater Township, Long Bridge Road Fishing Deck - \$287,400

Development to include removal and replacement of existing boardwalks next to bridge, new fishing deck, and remove and replace paving to make barrier-free parking. This site is surrounded by Pentwater River and Pentwater Lake. The improvements at the Long Bridge Road Fishing Deck will provide improved fishing opportunities for fishermen of all ages. This project will encourage more fishermen to fish out on the water and relieve the congested condition on the bridge itself.

Oceana County – Village of Pentwater, Municipal Boat Launch Park Improvements - \$45,000

Development to include universally-accessible walkways to an existing bathroom and pavilion, construction of an accessible fishing deck and kayak launch. This park is one acre and provides access to Pentwater Lake. The improvements at this site will provide better recreational opportunities and access to all individuals. This project will serve a service area larger than the Pentwater community.

Ottawa County – Spring Lake Township, Rycenga Park Picnic Shelter/Universal Design Improvements - \$46,500

Development to include a 30 x 44 shelter, improved accessibility of sidewalks, ball diamonds, soccer fields, playground and other existing shelters and improve surface on playground. Rycenga Park is an 80 acre park and is one of the most popular regional parks in this area because of the recreational opportunities offered. This park serves a number of communities beyond Spring Lake Township.

Ottawa County – Grand River Accessible Kayak Launches - \$47,500

Development to include two universally-accessible canoe/kayak launch systems at Connor Bayou and Grand River Parks. These launches will be floating docks, accessible via ramps that will connect to walkways on the land, which will provide access to parking and other accessible amenities. The demand has increased for canoeing and kayaking on the Grand River and this project will satisfy that need. The docks will also be used by fishermen and birdwatchers.

Van Buren County – City of South Haven, Van Buren Trail Connection Development - \$217,400

Development to include connection of Van Buren Trail from Aylworth to Abell Streets and Elkenburg to South Haven Streets to the downtown South Haven trailhead located at Kalamazoo and Huron Streets parking lot. This connection is important for eventually linking to the popular and heavily-used Kal-Haven Trail, which can take users all the way to Kalamazoo.

Various Counties

DNR – Parks and Recreation Division - Fred Meijer Ionia to Owosso Rail-Trail - \$300,000

Development to include the renovation of nine bridges and associated structures along the rail-trail from Ionia to Owosso. These improvements are an essential part of the conversion of this former railroad corridor into a first-class multi-use regional railway. This project has the strong support of the “Friends of the Fred Meijer Trail” and the Meijer Foundation who will also be collaborating on the project in the area of long-term trail maintenance which will save the State significant costs.

DNR – Parks and Recreation Division - Pere Marquette State Trail Improvements - \$300,000

Development to include drainage and surface improvements to 16.84 miles of trail from Baldwin to Reed City, consisting primarily of paving (.4 miles), crushed limestone surfacing (16.44 miles), connector trails and benches along route. This trail project lines up very well with the recommendation of the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan and also with the Blue Ribbon Panel for State Parks, which both cite trails as an important focus area for the future. The Pere Marquette State Trail has broad public support. It is a popular regional railway that extends through Reed City and eventually through Clare and all the way to Midland.

DNR – Parks and Recreation Division – Fred Meijer Ionia to Owosso Rail-Trail - \$300,000

Development to include approximately 32 miles of crushed limestone surface improvements along the Ionia to Owosso rail-trail corridor. Demand for trailways in Michigan has grown significantly. This proposed improvement will make the sort of destination trail that has been shown in the past to promote economic activity in the area and provide family-friendly recreation close to home.

DNR - Wildlife Division – Hunting Accessibility Initiative - \$50,000

Development to include installation of accessible parking, trails, wildlife viewing area and associated structures at Barry State Game Area and Waterloo Recreation Area. The Michigan DNR has long supported improving access for those with difficulties, but funding has not always been available. This grant will enable enhancements at two very popular public recreation sites where game is abundant.

Total Development Grant Recommendation Amount: \$9,072,200

49 Local Projects - \$7,822,200

5 State Projects - \$1,250,000

2012 Acquisition Project Recommendations

Central Michigan

Eaton County – Crandell Property Acquisition - \$3,075,000

The Crandall Property acquisition is a 424-acre parcel with a 160 acre manmade lake. It is one of the largest bodies of water in Eaton County with maximum water depths of 20-35 feet. The vision for the county park is to create a regional park similar to the Metroparks with swimming, boating, and a future connection to regional trails, hiking, camping, picnicking, athletic fields and playgrounds.

Ionia County – Village of Saranac, Boat Launch Park Land - \$74,000

Acquisition of approximately 1.8 acres of property that will connect the Boat Launch Park to the new Fred Meijer Rail-Trail system. This project will serve as a great amenity to the trail users. The project is ideally located at the north end of the downtown area. This acquisition project is essential for future improvements that will add a restroom facility, possibly expand boat trailer parking and redefine this park as a central “Village Green” community gathering place.

Mecosta County – Morton Township, Morton Township Park Acquisition - \$45,000

Acquisition of 4.23 acres on the east branch of the Little Muskegon River to develop a township park. Currently, there are very few access points on the river in Morton Township. This acquisition project will provide accessible and safe fishing opportunities off the Little Muskegon River. Developing access points on the river for canoeists, kayakers, fishermen, and tubers will not only be a great benefit to local residents, but will also increase tourism for local businesses.

Greater Tri-Cities / Thumb

Huron County – City of Harbor Beach, Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Bathing Beach - \$150,000

The acquisition of a .97 acres parcel adjacent to the city-owned Judge James H. Lincoln Memorial Bathing Beach, will expand the size of the existing park as well as preserve the view from downtown Harbor Beach to Lake Huron and the cities’ lighthouse. The parks and waterfront create the communities sense of place and drive the economic prosperity of the city.

Northern Michigan

Charlevoix County – Butler Trust Property Acquisition - \$214,200

Butler Trust Property is approximately 72 acres of forested uplands and open fields. This parcel shares 2700 feet of contiguous border with Charlevoix County's existing Whiting Park. This acquisition will enhance the recreational opportunities for users, and protect the natural beauty and resources of Whiting Parks 166 acres, including ½ mile of Lake Charlevoix Beach in Eveline Township. The park is centrally located in the County between the cities of Boyne City, East Jordan and Charlevoix.

Charlevoix County – Hayes Township, Camp Seagull Acquisition – Lake Charlevoix - \$3,375,000

Camp Seagull consists of 20 acres of level to sloping property that ranges from uplands to wetlands, with approximately 1,400 feet of frontage on Lake Charlevoix shoreline. This acquisition will create a park for Hayes Township residents and area for visitors that will provide outstanding recreation opportunities such as boating, fishing, picnicking, and swimming.

Cheboygan County – Village of Mackinaw City, Gary R. Williams Park Extension - \$241,200

Acquisition of .19 acres of Lake Huron waterfront property to extend the existing 80 foot wide Gary R.

Williams Park. The parcel offers spectacular views across the water, offering a view of the Mackinac Island and the Mackinac Bridge. The ultimate goal is one long continuous park along Lake Huron.

Clare County – DNR, Cranberry Lake Property - \$850,000

Acquisition of 454 acres within the State Forest boundary that consolidates State ownership. Includes approximately 1-1/2-miles of Cranberry Lake shoreline and 3/4-mile of Cranberry Creek frontage. Significant wildlife and fishery habitat will be accessible to the public, outdoor recreation opportunities including hunting will be increased and forest management opportunities including timber production will be aided by this acquisition.

Clare County – DNR, Staszuk Parcel - \$200,000

Acquisition of 80 acres within the State Forest boundary. Parcel is entirely surrounded by state land and currently has no legal access. Benefits include varied wildlife habitat, land consolidation, public recreation opportunities including hunting, and forest management and habitat management opportunities.

Grand Traverse County – Long Lake Township, Timbers Recreation Area Acquisition - \$2,073,000

The Timber's Recreation site lies just six miles west of Traverse City. This site is approximately 265 acres and consists of northern hardwood forest, old field and wetlands. It will provide approximately 9,000 feet of frontage on three inland lakes, including 2,000 feet on Long Lake, an entire 20 acre lake within its boundary called Fern Lake and 2,400 feet on Page Lake. Intended recreational uses include hiking, wildlife viewing, swimming, fishing, hunting, picnicking, canoeing and kayaking.

Leelanau County - Leelanau Township, Christmas Cove Adjacent Property - \$375,000

This parcel of land is adjacent to the existing Christmas Cove waterfront beach/park used by residents and tourists in Leelanau Township. The parcel is approximately .76 acres and will expand beachfront access to approximately 450 feet.

Wexford County – DNR, Wheeler Creek Property - \$510,000

Acquisition of 247 acres within the State Forest boundary and adjacent to State land on three sides, including more than a half-mile of Wheeler Creek frontage. Property contains two small ponds and varied wildlife habitat. Acquisition will protect important wildlife corridor, provide excellent hunting, trapping and other outdoor recreation opportunities, and provide for forest management opportunities including timber production.

Southeastern Michigan

Macomb County – Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, Lake St. Clair Metropark Land Acquisition - \$229,000

This acquisition will include five separate parcels totaling 106 acres immediately adjacent to the Lake St. Clair Metropark Black Creek Marsh. The Lake St. Clair coastal wetlands are one of the largest remaining coastal wetland communities left on the American shoreline of Lake St. Clair. The acquisition of this property will preserve one of the top birding sites in Michigan at a critical intersection of migratory bird flyways in the American interior and enhance the potential for restoration activities of the EPA Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

Upper Peninsula

Luce County – DNR , Two Hearted River Property - \$500,000

Acquisition of 200 acres within the State Forest boundary to provide public recreational access for hunting, trapping, fishing and camping, as well as other forest management activities. Benefits include protection of, and public access to, a significant amount of Two Hearted River frontage (a designated natural river) varied habitat types and forest management efficiencies. The parcel contains older forest conditions that are crucial to many wildlife species and act as a travel corridor for wildlife.

Schoolcraft County – City of Manistique, Lake Michigan and Manistique River Waterfront Acquisition - \$779,400

This acquisition would acquire a parcel along Lake Michigan with approximately 2,000 feet of Lake Michigan frontage and a waterfront lot along the east side of the Manistique River. The Lake Michigan lot would be used for recreational outdoor space, including a swimming beach. The Manistique River lot would be used as access point to the river and is proposed to be the location of a portion of a future multi-use path traversing along the river and continuing to loop around the east side of Manistique.

Schoolcraft County – City of Manistique, Traders Point Lot 7 Acquisition - \$78,800

Acquisition to include Lot 7 of the Traders Point Condominiums to make the west side of the Manistique River more accessible and provide parking to access the river. This new public parking lot is critical to provide parking for access to the Manistique River. The existing features along the the west side of the river include the public boat launch.

Western Michigan

Allegan County – DNR, Gate Property - \$450,000

Acquisition of 125-acre parcel within State Game Area boundary with state land on three sides. Benefits include land consolidation, varied upland and wetland wildlife habitat, expansion of public recreation opportunities including quality hunting, wildlife viewing, improved public access and DNR management opportunities on adjacent State holdings.

Ottawa County – City of Hudsonville, Village Green Property Acquisition- \$238,900

Acquisition to include 1.08 acres in downtown Hudsonville for community recreation space. The downtown district of Hudsonville lacks a centralized public recreation space. This project will meet this unmet need in the City of Hudsonville by creating a public park that will be centrally located and accessible to residents and visitors. Once the property is acquired, the future plans for development includes: family gatherings, picnicking and ice skating.

Ottawa County, Grand River Open Space Expansion Acquisition- \$130,000

Acquisition of 57 acres of riverfront, wetland, and floodplain property adjacent to existing 233 acre site. This project will add 1,800 feet of riverfront, thereby increasing the total preserved riverfront at Grand River Open Space to 1.56 miles. This acquisition project will enable the expansion of waterfront hiking trails, which is a core activity offered in this county. In addition, this site will offer a full range of hunting opportunities.

Ottawa County - Crockery Township, North Bank Trail Acquisition - \$120,000

Acquisition of three parcels for extension of an existing bicycle/pedestrian path. This project is part of a larger trail project, known as the North Bank Trail (NBT). Once the NBT is completed, there will be 18 miles of a non-motorized, multipurpose trail. This project will connect the east end of Lakeside Trail in

the Village of Spring Lake to the southeast end of the existing Musketawa Trail. This path will serve as a regional link between the beaches of Grand Haven/Spring Lake area and the Grand Rapids metro area.

Ottawa County – Village of Spring Lake, Mill Point Park Expansion - \$93,000

Acquisition of .61 acres to provide green space and short-term parking for Mill Point Park. This park is a multi-purpose, waterfront park on the Grand River. The park features a playground area, boardwalk and observation area, and fishing platforms. This park is a host to many events throughout the summer and there is a need for additional parking.

Van Buren County – City of South Haven, South Beach Park Extension Acquisition - \$665,000

Acquisition of four parcels totaling 240 feet from north to south located on the Lake Michigan bluff to be utilized as an extension of South Beach Park for the purpose of a recreational trail. This acquisition will greatly enhance the existing South Beach Park by moving the boundary out to the roadway and thereby enabling the trail to be built to improve safety of citizens traveling to the park. The South Beach Park is one of the most heavily used parks in Van Buren County and is a meaningful contributor to the economic vitality of the South Haven community.

Total Acquisition Grant Recommendation Amount: \$14,466,500

17 Local Acquisitions - \$11,956,500

5 State Acquisitions - \$2,510,000